



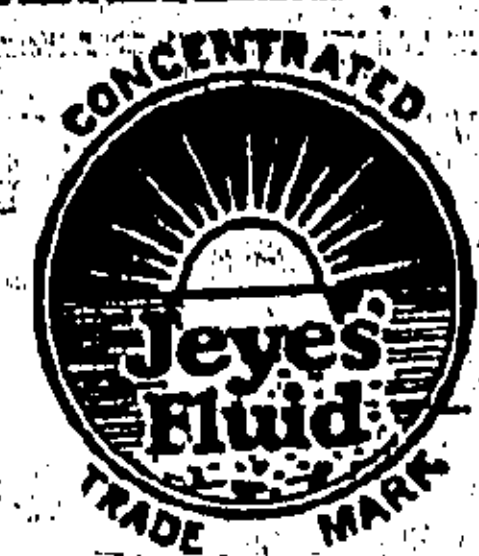
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EVICIONS BILL EXCITEMENT.

"INIQUITOUS AND INVIDIOUS PROPOSAL."

(Reuter's General Service.)

LONDON, April 2.

That the Government is going to have a very warm time was the suggestion of the Conservative Lord Cavendish-Bentinck at question time when even the Conservative Front Benchers joined in the chorus of criticisms of the Government answers on the subject of its housing scheme, unemployment benefits etc. Feeling ran high throughout, regarding the questions over the Wembley strike especially, and there were exciting and heated passages between the Government and opposition benches.

To-day's business included controversial topics like the Evictions Bill, the capital levy, army discipline, including the death penalty, and the use of troops in trade disputes of which the Evictions Bill (otherwise the Rent and Mortgage Interest Restrictions Bill), which Mr. J. Wheatley, Minister for Health, introduced, provoked the Conservatives and Liberals, who describe it as "a sop to the Clydeside" chiefly on account of the first clause which prohibits the ejection of the tenant not paying his rent if the tenant is unemployed.

When Sir Kingsley Wood asked for prolongation of the debate on a bill of such gravity Mr. J. R. Clynes, Deputy Leader of the House, said that in view of the serious grievance the bill dealt with the Government intended to take the decision of the House to-night (Ministerial cheers).

LIBERALS' THREAT.

LONDON, April 2.

In the House of Commons Mr. John Wheatley, Minister of Health, moved the second reading of the Evictions Bill and vividly depicted the destitution in Glasgow due to unemployment. Women and children were starving yet evictions were increasing, destroying family life and subjecting them to treatment worse than that inflicted on great criminals.

He agreed that the burden of helping them should not be thrown entirely on property owners. (Opposition cheers and laughter). He knew there were still members of the House who put the rights of property above the rights of human beings—(Opposition protests and Ministerial cheers)—but he warned the House that there were limits to human endurance.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain said that Mr. Wheatley had fulfilled a double function. He was a hostage in the hands of Mr. MacDonald for the good behaviour of the Labourite Back Benchers and a pledge to his friends that the class war would not be allowed to sleep. The Back Benchers were now beginning to realise their power.

Mr. Asquith said he was unable to support the Bill, which introduced an iniquitous and invidious proposal and unless the Government deleted the first clause, Liberals would vote against the second reading.

GOVERNMENT'S DOOM HERALDED.

Mr. Maxton pressed the Government to accept the Opposition's ultimatum and appeal to the country on the issue.

The trend of the Opposition speeches heralded the Government's doom, until Mr. Clynes at the last moment announced the Government's willingness to erase clause one and substitute a clause whereby the cost of maintaining unemployed in their homes would fall on public funds.

Discussion thereupon arose whether the insertion of such a clause would make the measure a money bill which would necessitate its complete refraining. Thus the allotted time for discussion passed and the bill was talked out. This means that the bill has not been lost but the debate has been adjourned.

LATER.

The Government is considering the situation arising from the debate on the Evictions Bill, but has decided that whatever is the outcome they will not treat the matter as one of confidence. At present the opinion is held that the Bill will be dropped and a new measure substituted.

BREAKERS AHEAD.

LATER.

It is understood in the Lobby of the House of Commons that further consideration of the evictions question will be adjourned to the Cabinet meeting to-day.

CAPITAL LEVY DEFEAT.

LONDON, April 3.

After the Evictions Bill had been got out of the way the House of Commons settled down to debate the subject of a capital levy which was of academic character as it is recognised the question is not a live issue in this Parliament.

Mr. Walter Guinness submitted a motion inviting the House to register an opinion for the encouragement of enterprise. He said the fruitful use of capital was needed and a capital levy would prove disastrous to employment.

Mr. Pethwick Lawrence moved an amendment supporting the capital levy.

Mr. Clynes recognised that no Government could introduce the Capital Levy proposal unless assured of public opinion. He believed the people would soon see it was a real and stern necessity.

The amendment was defeated and Mr. Guinness' motion was carried by 325 to 160 votes.

BRITAIN'S 8-HOUR DAY.

LONDON, April 2.

In the House of Commons during questions Mr. Shaw, Minister of Labour, said it was hoped to introduce an 8-Hour Day Bill shortly, whether or not foreign countries took similar steps. The Bill would cover textile workers.

EUROPE'S NEW TROUBLE.

"GRAVE SITUATION CREATED."

GERMAN MILITARY CONTROL.

INDEPENDENT TONE ALARMS FRENCH.

(Reuter's General Service.)

BERLIN, April 2.

The German reply to the Ambassadors' Conference question regarding military control was presented last night.

It suggests that the proposed investigation of German armaments should be carried out by the Council of the League of Nations, also the immediate replacement of the Allied Control Commission by a body subordinate to the Council.

Reuter's Paris correspondent says the opinion is held in French official circles that a very grave situation has been created by the German reply.

It is stated that Germany for the first time since the Armistice adopts the tone of an independent power not bound by treaty and also intimates that no steps towards resumption of control will be possible until after the German elections.

VIOLENT POLITICS.

FRENCH CHAMBER UPROAR.

"INFAMOUS SCOUNDREL."

PARIS, April 2.

M. Poincaré's reply to interpellations regarding the policy in the Chamber of Deputies was interrupted owing to a violent scene which necessitated temporary suspension of the sitting.

The trouble arose over a supplementary remark to M. Poincaré's speech by the War Minister, M. Maginot, the result of which was that a Communist after calling M. Maginot an "infamous scoundrel" and blackguard was only prevented from assaulting him by the ushers' intervention.

The Prime Minister declared the choice of the Cabinet Minister did not signify any change in foreign or home policy. He reiterated his well-known views regarding the French hold on the Ruhr until satisfaction had been accorded and declared the receipts from the Ruhr last year exceeded the expenditure by 68,000,000 francs. He estimated that the net surplus in 1924 would be three milliards.

M. Poincaré emphasised the necessity for a united will and perseverance among all the Allies for carrying out the reparations expert committee's decisions, but said that in any event France would not waver in her determination.

Concluding his statement M. Poincaré was greeted with prolonged cheers and the Chamber adjourned.

PILGRIM SHIP DOOMED.

VESSEL FIERCELY ABLAZE.

"FRANGESTAN" BEING ABANDONED.

PORT SUDAN, April 2.

The Captain of the "Frangestan" reports that the situation is now very serious and it may be necessary to abandon the ship.

The Captain of the "Frangestan" has sent out a wireless that the fore end is fiercely ablaze. All the passengers have been transferred to the "Clan MacIver" and the crew have been ordered to abandon the ship.

Twelve hundred pilgrims for Jeddah were aboard the burning British steamer "Frangestan," from Bombay making for Port Sudan, where she was due at daybreak to-day. She was accompanied by the "Clan MacIver." The steamer "Frangestan" is proceeding from Port Sudan immediately to assist the "Frangestan," which at first wireless stating that there was cotton afire on the weather side and in the No. 2 hold, adding that the weather was calm, and there was no immediate danger. She later wireless that the fire was spreading, and was serious.

AMICABLY SETTLED.

LONDON, April 2.

Letters have been exchanged between Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and the American Ambassador with regard to the Newcastle Consulate incident mentioned yesterday.

The Prime Minister says that after further consideration the Government is not prepared to insist upon the charge against the consuls of exceeding their authority, and it is therefore recalled.

The Ambassador notifies that a new appointment is being made.

Every cloud respecting British and American relations has been removed by the settlement of the long standing dispute in regard to the American consulate at Newcastle where two consuls were deprived of their exequaturs on the ground that they used their official position to further the interests of American trade.

ANOTHER HITCH.

VIENNA, April 3.

Russian and Rumanian negotiations have definitely broken off, the Rumanians having refused to consent to a plebiscite.

EXPERT CHESS.

(Reuter's American Service.)

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as when visiting his estates in the

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hotel Mr. Lock left the collection

in his room, and later found that

many of the most valuable speci-

mens had been extracted. The

Ferrari collection of stamps, said

to be the most valuable in the

world, is being disposed of gradu-

ally by the French Government,

and at the end of last October had

realised \$256,450, the manager of

Messrs. Harmer, Rooke, and Co.,

Fleet-street, E.C., stated, and it

may bring a total of \$500,000.

The King owns one of the most

valuable collections in Britain,

worth probably \$100,000.

What the Boy?

The boy is the father of the man,

and an educationist has lately pointed

out that the man into which he

will grow up must be one of twenty-

seven kinds, points out *The Child-**ren's Newspaper*. For example

every boy has a greater or smaller

amount of natural capacity. It may

be good or medium, or it may be

poor. Roughly there are three

kinds of natural talent. Secondly,

every boy is born and lives among

some sort of surroundings or en-

vironment, good, medium, or poor.

Thirdly, there is his response to his

surroundings, how he takes in his

education, uses his talents, takes ad-

vantage from his good fortune or

defies his bad. This is what is called

response to environments, and

this again is good, medium, or poor.

If these three goods, medium, and

poor are combined in every possible

way there will be twenty-seven dif-

ferent cases and twenty-seven differ-

ent results. For example, the boy

may have medium talent, medium

surroundings or environment, and

medium response. His talent he

cannot change, his environment he

may, and he can, perhaps, improve

his response by education or expe-

rience or effort. Or he may have

good talent, poor surroundings, and

poor response. Or poor talent, good

surroundings, good response. These

last two boys have more chance of

real improvement than number one.

Ireland's Ancient Games.

The ancient Irish games—the

Aonach Tailteann—after being in

abeyance for centuries, are to be

revived at Dublin in August on a

scale worthy of their traditions.

The games were found by Lugh-

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PERILS OF RESEARCH.

INCREASING IMPLEMENTS

OF DESTRUCTION.

Scientists are being urged to

call a halt before their discoveries

bring new and terrible perils to

the aid of warfare.

Sir Richard Gregory, the

eminent scientist, and a member

of Nature, in voicing these

misgivings, says the day is not

far distant when science may

place of the disposal of

man forces so strong that a

hostile army or an enemy city

may be annihilated almost by the

touch of a button. He anticipates

the release of atomic energy,

which will place stupendous power

at human disposal. When that

happens he fears the first use to

which it will be put will be a

destructive one. Unless the pro-

gress of science is accompanied

by the advance of moral and

ethical ideas, scientific discovery,

he concludes, might end by

destroying civilisation.

Sir Napier Shaw says it is mon-

strous that the discoveries of the

scientist should be put to such

uses. "Unfortunately one cannot

believe that it will ever be other-

wise.

Asked if the ever-growing power

of these scientific implements of

destruction would ever compel

scientists to try to exert control

over the use to which their dis-

coveries were put, Sir Napier said:

"I doubt if one could ever find

a sufficient number of men of

selfless motives to make it possible.

One inventor might stand out, but

what then? Another would fill

the gap, or in some way the inven-

tion, being of such great importance

for war purposes, would be bound

to leak out. Many inventions of

the kind were kept secret during

the war, but only for a time. We

have since learned all about them."

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nell, the commander of the

"Adriatic" when the liner returns

to New York this month

INTIMATIONS.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Second Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Engineering & Construction Company, Limited, will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Shaw, Tomes & Co., St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hongkong, on THURSDAY the 10th day of April, 1924, at 12.00 Noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the Half-year ended on the 31st December 1923, and of electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 4th to the 10th April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
S. COURTNEY COOK,
Secretary.

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(Signed) PANG KOKSUI,
Secretary.

PUBLIC DINNER

to
Sir William Rees-Davies, K.C.

It is proposed that a dinner should be given by the Foreign Community in honour of the departing Chief Justice at the Hong Kong Hotel, on Saturday, 12th April, at 8 p.m.

All Gentlemen wishing to be present should notify on or before 7th April, their intention to Colonel Robertson, Hong Kong Club, who will supply all particulars.

Hongkong, 22nd March, 1924.

NOTICE.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
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of April, One thousand nine hundred
and twenty, four been admitted as a
partner in the firm of Vernon and
Smyth carrying on business as share-
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MAIL WEEK NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND
NEAR.

Thirty thousand people are
homeless and several deaths have
occurred through floods in Northern
Brazil.

Austrian workshops are to repair
locomotives and wagons rotting in
Rumania because their ownership
is disputed.

An avalanche near Nensohl,
capital of the province of Sohl,
Hungary, destroyed three houses
and killed 18 inhabitants.

Mr. H. Gordon Selfridge has
arrived at Halifax, Nova Scotia, on
his way to see his mother, who is
seriously ill in Washington.

The Angora Government has
ordered the removal of the cross
and all other religious emblems
from the Christian schools in
Turkey.

Miss Winifred Emery, the
actress, wife of Mr. Cyril Maude,
who has been ill for some weeks in
Switzerland, is still confined to
her bed.

A Russo Rumanian conference
to be held at Vienna, will
consider Bessarabian disputes
and Rumania's claims against
Russia for gold removed during
the war.

More than 40 in. of snow is
reported at Adelboden, Engelberg,
Klosters, Murren, Pontresina, St.
Moritz, and Wengen. The
weather is fine throughout the
Swiss winter sports resorts.

Prince Wilhelm of Sweden was
loudly applauded when he appear-
ed on the stage of the Svenska
Theatre, Stockholm, after the first
performance of his African play,
"Kinangozi."

The total expenditure of the
London County Council for the
financial year ended March 31,
1923, was, according to figures
officially published, £33,250,000,
the total income being just over
£31,750,000.

Following an announcement by
the Polish Prime Minister, M.
Grabski, that after this month there
will be no further issues of paper
money, exchanges have been
steady and commerce is being
renewed on a big scale.

Described as "the most wanted
man in England," James Thomp-
son, alias Charles Douglas, 43, was
sent to prison at Wigan for three
months on a charge of frequenting
a Catholic church with intent to
commit a felony.

Pending the introduction of a
new Bill, to create a Far Eastern
fleet, the Dutch Naval Minister
proposes a provisional order for
the construction of two cruisers,
two destroyers, and six aeroplanes
for reconnoitring service in Dutch
waters.

Mr. Reginald Clarry, Con-
servative M.P. for Newport (Mon.),
arranged for 1,000 Conservative
women of his division to visit
London on February 28, and a
sight-seeing tour included visits to
the House of Commons and a
music-hall.

After two trials, at the first of
which the jury disagreed, Thomas
Bert Burridge, 34, of Regent's
Park, N.W., chauffeur to Miss
Phyllis Neilson-Terry, the actress,
was acquitted of causing grievous
bodily harm to William Henry
Blandy, manager of a Nottingham
firm of tobacco manufacturers.

COMEDY OF IS. 51D.

REVENUE'S COSTLY
VICTORY.

Even if the Border Chiefs Village
Football Club, of Alnwick, never
win the English Cup, they are like-
ly to achieve considerable fame,
says the *Daily Express*.

Their name is blazoned in the
Parliamentary papers. Treasury
Officials are busily engaged on
their finances, and the Chancellor
of the Exchequer himself will
have to devote serious attention to
their case in the House of Com-
mons.

It is all a question of Is. 51d.
The youthful Border Chiefs wanted
new jerseys, so they arranged a
match in order to pay for them.
Forty spectators attended, and the
gate money totalled 17s. 6d.

Here the Border Chiefs tripped
up; they forgot the entertainment
tax, and spent all their money on
the jerseys. So when they received
the Inland Revenue demand for
Is. 51d. they were just that amount
short.

As stern correspondence failed to
produce the Is. 51d., the Inland Re-
venue authorities brought out their
heavy artillery. The boys were
summoned to the Alnwick Police
Court, a Treasury solicitor conduct-
ed the case against them, and no
fewer than three Inland Revenue
officials travelled to the Court to
reinforce the case. Justice was
done at a cost of £20 to the nation.

It has been left to Mr. M. C. M. C.
the Liberal M.P. for Westons-super-
Mare, to question whether it was
worth while spending 60s. to recover
Is. 51d. He will not ask Mr. Snowden
"whether he will see that discretion
shall be exercised before prosecu-
tions of such a trivial nature are
undertaken."

NEW INCOME-TAX RULE.

NOT APPLICABLE TO LEAVE.

The *Pioneer* writes: "A number
of people who are going home
from India on leave are apparently
being perturbed by the telegram
from London recently published in
a contemporary to the effect
that the Inland Revenue Authori-
ties have announced that persons
who stay for six months of the
year in England will be
liable to pay income-tax. We
have received a cable from
our London correspondent which
shows that there is no
ground for this perturbation. The
announcement relates only to
persons ordinarily resident in the
United Kingdom, who attempt to
spending six months in the year
abroad, to avoid their liability to
British income-tax. There has
been no change in law or practice
affecting persons who go to the
United Kingdom on leave. The
position is that, as hitherto, they
are exempt from income-tax un-
less they possess a residence in the
United Kingdom or remain
there for a period of more than six
months."

The cable from the London
correspondent of the *Statesman*
stated that the new regulation was
expressly devised to deal with
those British residents who evaded
payment of income-tax, spending
only five and three quarter months
at home, and the remainder of the
year abroad.

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also the trouble was only aggravated,
and the sores suffered with the
harsh burning and itching gave me no
rest.'

"I was obliged to give up my school,
and in fact I could scarcely do anything
with my hands. I began to use Dr. Williams'
Pink Pills, and after taking two or three
bottles the eczema became less irritating.
Later the burning inflammation dimin-
ished, the sores healed, my general
health improved and my skin became
clear and healthy. I am now quite well."
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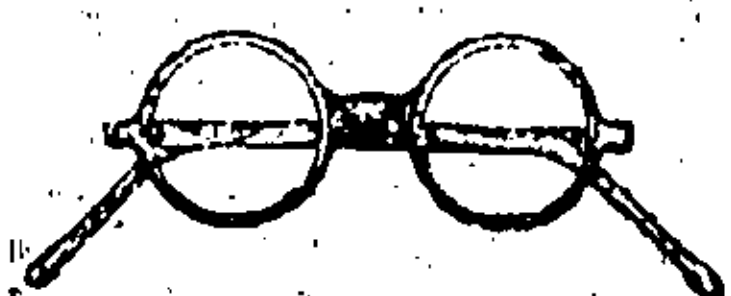
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HONGKONG THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 1924.

POLICE EFFORT.

Signs are not wanting of the desire of the Police Authorities to make Hongkong a fit and proper place to dwell in. The activities in the direction of clearing the Wanchai cesspool are noted with interest. If any criticism is to be levelled at all, it is that the police have been singularly slack in attempting to root out the growing persistency of the work of male solicitors, on the lines which common sense dictated for the nuisance has been long established. The methods which the amateur in detective or police work would have adopted, are now being carried out, and the success of our police sergeants in their job, and reported in successive issues of the "China Mail," bear testimony to it. We feel that this burst of vigilance and endeavour will not be allowed to slacken, but that the good work in progress will continue and

that new and up-to-date methods will ceaselessly be adopted. More particularly should this be the case when visiting war-boats are here; or great liners are in port. The onlooker sees a great deal, if not all, of the game, and he cannot help but observe, how certain Chinese, seemingly of the undesirable class, attach themselves to more or less simple sailormen, and act as guides, very bad counsellors, and certainly repulsive friends. In doing what they are, the police deserve every encouragement and every possible amount of help that can be given. We should like to ask if all possible help is forthcoming? Has the beneficent aid of light been tried to its full extremity? We mean artificial light. Are our streets lighted as they ought to be? Some of them—and even the Praya, are places of Satanic darkness unrelieved by light, or show the dimness of an old-style gas meter anxiously awaiting the lightning living influence of yet another penny. If any doubt this statement, let them copy the example of our Commissioner who recently tour-

ed the western part of the City to find out how many of those he described as derelicts slept out of doors. There is biblical authority to prove that evil Mates light. Then let there be light.

Students Conference.

The Hongkong University students should find no difficulty in being represented at the Imperial Students Conference to be held in July, if they will agree to the following suggestion. It seems impossible—and probably untrue, that one of the present students should make the journey to London and their represent his own University. Impossible first on the ground of the expense involved—only a very wealthy student could hope to do it; and impossible on the ground of time expense, for such a trip would effectively eat into the time a student normally allows himself to study with a view to taking a degree. But the matter might be arranged by asking someone who has been a student here officially to represent Hongkong. Quite a number of students, after completing their course here—or a part of it, proceed to England to enter either Oxford or Cambridge, or to become students in the great London University. Others of course proceed to Edinburgh. There are several of these students now at Home who, we feel sure, would only be too pleased to attend the Conference, to represent Hongkong and to speak, if that should become necessary, for his alma mater. He could, at the conclusion of the Conference, write a report and send it to Hongkong where it would be read with a considerable degree of interest and profit. This is a simple suggestion. We make it not wishing that the matter should die with the Registrar's explicit statement why, at the moment, it is impossible for Hongkong to take part in the matter.

A Wireless School.

The proposed Wireless School, seems to be the joint effort of perhaps our two biggest local firms, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., and Messrs. Butterfield & Swire and deserves the success which is its due. It seems to meet the suggestion that ships sailing from Hongkong and likely to receive the unwelcome attention of pirates should have a wireless installation with of course a wireless operator in charge. On that ground alone the idea of the School is most excellent and it is pleasing to see that the Government, through its Education Dept., is closely associated with the idea. Whether objection will be raised that the operators are to be Chinese we do not know. Whether also it will be argued that it is "not wise" that operators are to be Chinese we do not know. Time should be given to test the scheme. It should attract the best class of Chinese that the Colony possesses—the studious, steady, and reliable class that we have in great numbers. The terms of employment seem generous whilst the work itself will not be over arduous, although of course it will be responsible. The story of wireless is full of romance, and "Sparks," as operators are familiarly called, have added their share to the glorious story of the sea. We trust that if our surmise is correct regarding wireless and piracy that all firms operating steamers from this port, will share in this piece of spirited endeavour. They certainly ought to come into line and thus help to relieve an intolerable situation which is perhaps more their concern than others.

Thieves.
"THE IMPENITENT" is the title given to a two verse poem by Sir William Watson in a Home paper. It may have a local application and bring the truth home to impenitent profiteers.

I met with a Retail Robber,
Who robbed at his counter and till.
I met with a Wholesale Robber,
A greater miscreant still.

For both I would build a gibbet
As high as their souls are low,
And swing them aloft to their kindfolk.
The vulture and carrion crow.

The results of the special Leap Year dance at the S.P.C.A. hall are not available. Probably we remain as before, and whilst males were asked to give a dance, they were not invited to hand over what is may be argued they do not possess—money. At Home, Leap Year dinners have

been tried, the idea being that dinner should be ordered, and paid for, by women. The suggestion was made that it would provide a test and prove if women are as generous as men in the matter of tips. The waiters are the only persons able to say if these Leap Year dinners provided the same amount of tips as before, or if they were exceeded, or a decrease experienced. So far they are silent. Women are notoriously economical in their idea of tip values, but it is quite likely they excelled the men in an art which has become a vice, and which grips them like one.

DISMISSAL. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald has been telling of his Sunday visits to the late Lord Morley and how "honest John" used to reward him, on his departure with a number of cigars. If Ramsay's conversation had been brilliant, the cigars numbered six. "Often they dwindled to two. The 'earning capacity' was studiously noted and Lord Morley was inexorable in the doing out of the number that seemed to him to meet the case. There was a somewhat similar method used by the late Sir Alfred Jones, the great Liverpool shipping magnate, and a pioneer in the trade of some of our Indies possession. He did not give cigars away, but when he wished to indicate that an interview was over, and he had a ceaseless stream of callers daily, he handed the caller a banana. In those days this was almost an unknown fruit. In this way Sir Alfred helped to popularise the fruit. A certainly original way of doing things.

THE RETORT. Little Tommy, as he asked for a third helping of apple pie, "I knew a little boy who ate too much apple pie, and he burst." "You can't have too much apple pie, mother." "How did the little boy burst, then?" asked the mother. "There wasn't enough boy!" rejoined Tommy.

London, we are LONELY, assured, has become the most lonely place in the world. That seems a remarkable thing to say of a place that contains almost the same number of people to be found in Australia. But it simply proves that crowds do not necessarily make for closer union or friendships, and that one can be just as lost in the crowds of a big city or a big hotel, as in the wastes of the Sahara. Loneliness after all is a condition of the mind.

To-day's Poem.

Earth gets its price for what
Earth gives us;
The beggar is taxed for a corner
to die in,
The priest hath his fee who comes
and shrives us,
We bargain for the graves we
lie in;
At the devil's booth are all things
sold,
Each ounce of dross costs its
ounce of gold;
For a cap and bells our lives
we pay,
Bubbles we buy with a whole
soul's tasking;
'Tis heaven alone that is given
away,
'Tis only God may be had for the
asking;
—J. R. Lowell.

WEATHER CALENDAR.

APRIL 3.

1845. I have been loitering out in the garden here this golden day of Spring. The wood-pigeons coo in the covert; the frogs croak in the pond; the bees hum about some thyme; and some of my smaller nieces have been busy gathering primroses. —Fitzgerald.

SIMPLICITY.

"To simplify life by abolishing irrational and unnecessary expenditure would increase our health and happiness, and would perhaps enable us to hold our own against the races of the East." —Dean Inge.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

April 3.—Coronet Theatre: "Rage to Riches."
April 3.—Star Theatre: 5.30 p.m. Mary Pickford in "The Love Light." 9.15 p.m. Philharmonia Concert.
April 3.—World Theatre: "Harold Lloyd in 'Safety Last'."
April 3.—Savoy Theatre: "Potash and Perimeter."

SOCIAL.

April 11.—Dance at Peak Club, 9.15 p.m.
April 12.—Public Dinner to Sir William Rees Davies at Hongkong Hotel, 8 p.m.
April 20.—Dance at Peak Club, 9.15 p.m.

SPORT.

April 5.—Royal Hongkong Golf Club, Captain's Cup.
April 19 and 21.—H.K. Jockey Club 2nd extra race meetings.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

April 4.—Lammert Bros., at No. 18 Godown of the H.K. and Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, miscellaneous goods, 10.30 a.m.
April 5.—Lammert Bros., at 6 Colahok St., Kennedy Town, rice mills with buller and pollabers, machines, motors, etc., 11 a.m.
April 9.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Rooms, the a.s. "Kwai Wa," now lying at Shekhar, 8 p.m.
April 10.—Lammert Bros., at 6 Colahok St., Kennedy Town, two complete sets raton and canoe splitting machines, etc., 8 p.m.

COMPANY MEETING.

April 10.—Second yearly meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong Engineering & Construction Co., Ltd., at St. George's Building, Chater Road, noon.
April 11.—Seventeenth annual meeting of Gande, Price & Co., Ltd., at 8 Queen's Road Central, noon.

OTHER MEETING.

April 11.—All interested in proposal to form a Hongkong Football Assoc. to meet at No. 2 Queen's Buildings, Ground Floor, opposite Star Ferry at 6 p.m.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

At Kuala Kangsar a fortnight ago, a lady took part for the first time in a polo match. Mrs. Holdstock playing for the Penak Gymkhana Club team.

Anybody who likes a good laugh and has not yet seen "Rags to Riches" should make a point of going to the Coronet Theatre this evening when little Wesley Barry's masterpieces will be screened for the last time.

On the U.S.R.C. ground yesterday, the Hockey Club defeated a United Services team by four goals to one. Woodward, McMaster, Evans and Powell scored for the Club; the Services' point was notched by their centre-half.

On the arrival of the steamer Sarvistan at Singapore from China, port revenue officers boarded the vessel and found concealed in the cabin of a passenger, who had already left the ship, 1,680 tahts of opium, valued at about \$5,000, and eight pounds of opium and cocaine for Raangoon, constituting one of the largest seizures of the last two mentioned drugs made in Singapore for a long time.

Boxing "fans" will be pleased to hear that a bout has been arranged between Jim Cartledge, who has come with a good reputation, and "Matty" Smith who is claimed to have been the ex-junior world light-weight champion. Hopes are also entertained of Cartledge meeting Jerry Monahan, the Irish boxer. Smith and Cartledge are to box for the Colony's light-weight championship and details will be given later.

Mr. D. K. Blair, Secretary of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, left for home yesterday on the s.s. "Pembroke." Many friends gathered on board and offered their good wishes for a pleasant holiday and a quick return to health. Before he left Mr. Blair was presented with a pair of beautiful vases by the Hongkong Japanese Residents' Association as a mark of their esteem, and in appreciation of the cordial relationship which had existed between Mr. Blair and the Japanese community, particularly in connection with the Japanese earthquake disaster.

A report reached Hongkong yesterday of the death at Canton on Sunday last of Mr. E. K. Vizer, Second Officer on the E. & K. Steamer "Liangchow." Mr. Vizer, it is stated, shot himself through the head with a revolver about 11.30 a.m., shortly after the ship had berthed. He was removed to the Canton Hospital where he died about a quarter past seven the same night. An inquest was held on board the next day, and a verdict of "Suicide during temporary insanity" was returned. The deceased, who was quite a young man, was buried at Canton on Monday evening.

Given a dinner on March 15, by the London Press Club, who handed him a silver inkstand for his daughter Isabel, with love on her 21st birthday. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald said he now knew why the Government had survived during the last fortnight (laughter). He added, while the Americans, French and Germans had their wonderful newspapers the English journalist had still got that elusive quality of fine independent distillation which made him and his press special in the whole world. So long as that lasts, and I see no signs of its decay, fellow journalists, we may be proud of the walk we have chosen in life.

PROPHET ABROAD.

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Promenading up and down the Hongkong Hotel (Pedder Street) pavement is a venerable Sikh who solves passers-by and offers them a card on which are inscribed "Try your luck," "World's Greatest Predictor," "The Most Renowned," etc., etc.

He describes himself as Nanak Singh and claims that he will tell anybody's fortune with the greatest precision. A gentleman who asked "How much?" was told "fifty cents." He was at once regaled with stories of undreamt of wealth and was told, with a chuckle, that three young ladies were enamoured of him, one being tall, another of medium height and the third short. The descriptions were illustrated with movements of the hand. At this stage the prophet said that what he had delivered was only a preliminary vision but if the believing one wanted a detailed account the charge would be \$10, whereupon the victim strode into the hotel.

Another came along and this time the man varied his tactics. He opened a small grubby note-book much the worse for wear and indicated a calendar with week-days in it, all drawn out in badly smudged ink. The prospective client was invited to point at any date but he apparently had his doubts and left.

When the *China Mail* man went up he was asked to sign his name in the book; the reporter did not comply but was told in a smattering of English that a wonderful opportunity was wasted as everything could be revealed by handwriting.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. A. E. Odell, managing director of the Europe Hotel, Singapore, left by the "Naldera" on home leave.

Mr. T. E. Dibbs, who has been on the staff of the *Pingang Gazette* as sub-editor for about ten years, has left for New Zealand.

The Prince of Wales has gone to Biarritz for a ten days' stay, states a *Reuter* cable from London to recuperate from the effects of his accident.

Mr. G. M. Young has been appointed a Director of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in the place of Mr. G. T. M. Edkins, who left the Colony to-day.

A *Reuter* cable from Washington to-day announces that President Coolidge has selected Mr. Harlan Stone of New York, to succeed Mr. Daugherty as Attorney-General.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Still left Singapore for London by the "Naldera," but do not expect to be away for more than six months. Mrs. Still has not been very well for some months, and it is hoped that the change will quite restore her.

Mr. T. G. Weall, whose marriage is reported, has been in the Far East for nearly twenty years, and is well-known in Hongkong and Shanghai in connection with Dowdell and Co., Ltd. He will in all probability return to Hongkong to resume charge of the firm there in the autumn, reports the *China Express*.

Mr. Edmund Blundin, whose book of poems, *The Shepherd*, won the Hawthornden Prize in 1922 and who has been on the editorial staff of the *Nation* since he returned from the trenches, has now been appointed Professor of English Literature at Tokyo University. He was to leave for Japan early this month.

On March 16 Mr. H. H. Bateman, of the London-Rangoon Trading Co., Rangoon, while in a punt with his wife and children on the Bahian side of the Royal Lakes, fell backwards and was drowned. Deceased was a son of Mr. Bateman formerly chief of the Rangoon Fire Brigade and a brother of ex-Captain Norman Bateman, 20th Burma Rifles.

A private cable received in Singapore announces the sudden death in Aberdeenshire, of Mr. James Sellar, brother of Mr. A. M. Sellar, of Messrs. Sime, Darby and Co., and formerly manager of Tanjong Pagar Docks, before they were taken over by Government. Mr. Sellar, who is believed to have been over 60, retired about 20 years ago.

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THE SEAMY SIDE.

COPING WITH THE COLONY'S CRIME.

NEW YAUMATI COURT.

Little Dramas Soon To Be Enacted.

(*China Mail Special*.)

"Bring in the prisoner! The stentorian voice of the sergeant rang out. And there was a hush. The whispered chattering ceased. The prisoner rose from out of the depths. Head first, unshaven and unkempt, he emerged from the recesses of the mysterious dungeon below and stood there in the dock in all the misery of his five foot six before The Beak. Enclosing him were stout bars, reflecting his wretched figure in the shining brass; polished that morning. Caged in from the gaping crowd he stretched his arms, freed from the iron shackles which marked his desperate nature, and rested on the rail in front. At his side stood two statue-like figures watching him with calm indifference.

The Court was crowded and the air was stifling. Outside a curious throng peered in through the windows craning their necks to gain a glimpse of the prisoner who, unperturbed was leaning negligently on the rails of that dreaded dock. . . . The trial dragged on and at the end, the sentence was pronounced. — "Guilty."

The prisoner betrayed no emotion but held out his wrists for the handcuffs. The trapdoor was opened and slowly he disappeared from view. His wife, a pathetic little figure drooped like a fading flower. She had waited in vain for him to step out of the dock into the Court—a free man. Instead he had gone the way of all criminals—through the trap door and down the hard cold stone steps to serve his term of incarceration—the punishment to fit the crime.

History is written in Police Courts. And with it there is tragedy and comedy. Ghosts of Bow Street have inspired the author and no divergence from the true record of actual happenings has been necessary to stimulate its fascination. Murderers, robbers, thieves and innocent men have all provided a story from the book of life. The weary free lance has earned many a welcome shilling with a few pertinent remarks from the Old Lady of Tottenham. The play of the imagination is never needed. What sharper wit, more biting sarcasm and sly eloquence have been heard than those we, who are privileged, have listened to, and marvelled at in our Police Courts?

Police Courts in the Far East stage their little dramas and comedies as do the famous courts of London. They have their oddities, scum and debris of humanity just the same as Bow Street. Probably the Chinese psychology has provided a greater problem for the learned gentlemen of the Bench than the breaker of the law at Home. And perhaps his humour, his inscrutability is a little more exasperating and bewildering. The study of the Chinese is always perplexing and will ever baffle the cleverest of psychologists. For as one able scholar has summed it up: "he who grasps the inner workings of the Chinese mind, has the key of the world."

A new page in the history of Hongkong Police annals will be turned over with the opening of the new magistracy at Kowloon. The Court is at Yaumati, once termed the blackest spot in the Colony. It requires no feat of imagination to conjure up the manifold scenes that will be played in that little room above the old Police Station among the hotbed of armed robbers whom Yaumati is not Yaumati without. There, Mr. E. W. Hamilton will hold the scales of Justice and from there we expect some of the most vivid stories of crime to be told. Glancing through the windows of the empty Court one can almost picture the prisoner standing in the dock jammed up against the jury benches. One can visualise the old "milkmaid" pleading for his wretched liberty, the hawker imploring Mr. Hamilton for the return of his licence and the armed robber, implacable and indifferent calmly denying all knowledge of the brutal crime which is charged against him. And in the dock are those fearful stone steps. Little by little the prisoner goes down, the vision of the law on the same level as his fellow man. The vision will soon be fulfilled.

WIRELESS AND PIRACY. HONGKONG GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE. QUESTION IN THE COMMONS. Difficulty of Securing the Operators.

(Reuter's General Service.)

London, April 2.

In the House of Commons, Viscount Curzon drew attention to what he described as the alarming increase in piracy in South China waters.



MR. THOMAS.

He declared that merchant shipmasters and officers considered the piracy regulations of the Hongkong Government useless.

A large British shipping company was anxious to instal wireless on their ships as a safeguard but were prevented by the Government regulation dealing with the nationality of the operator to be engaged.

The Minister of Colonies, Mr. J. H. Thomas, referred the Viscount to his previous reply. He said the Governor in his report would doubtless deal with the question of wireless, and the applicability of the regulation mentioned to Hongkong waters could then be further considered.

[Replying to Mrs. Philipson, in the House of Commons, on March 25, Mr. C. G. Ammon, Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty, pointed out that vessels on the China Station were continually patrolling with the object of checking piracy but stricter supervision of passengers at the port of departure was the only effective preventive. He understood that Mr. Thomas, Minister for the Colonies, was awaiting a report from the Governor of Hongkong on the subject. The report mentioned is evidently the detailed report which Mr. Thomas recently announced in the House of Commons he had asked the Governor to furnish with regard to the "Hydrangea," the British steamer which was attacked by pirates whilst on her way from Hongkong to Swatow.]

TRAINING OPERATORS.

Government's Explanation.

Referring to the installation of wireless on British ships, the Assistant Colonial Secretary Mr. S. B. B. McElderry told a "China Mail" representative this morning that it was hardly a question of the companies being prevented from installing the wireless because of the Government regulation dealing with the nationality of operators. The trouble was in the fact that there were no trained operators in the Far East to engage and most of the companies were reluctant to pay for a trained operator from Home. A ship could not instal wireless unless it had an operator and a certificate of qualification must be obtained from the Government before a candidate could be eligible to be engaged as operator on a ship. Any British subject was eligible to become a wireless operator on a British ship. Arrangements were being made, said Mr. McElderry, to train operators in Hongkong.

New Piracy Alarm.

Mr. McElderry further informed the "China Mail" that an automatic wireless alarm to broadcast warning of the ship's danger in case of piracy had been considered by the Government and referred to the Chamber of Commerce. This adaptation was a simple and inexpensive installation which was already being experimented with. It consisted of an automatic device which in the event of a piracy alarm would be operated like an ordinary bell and broadcast the alarm to all wireless stations within radius.

Mr. McElderry said that the cost of the apparatus would be between \$800 and \$900. It was as simple in operation as a bell push, he explained. Before the pirates had time to take the ship, the alarm would be taken up by the first station that received it. No operator was necessary. The functioning of the device was automatic.

The new invention, we understand is bullet proof and so arranged that once the alarm is set off, it could not be stopped and would continue to send out the message for at least half an hour.

CONFERENCE PROPOSED.

Chamber of Commerce Views.

Mr. McElderry having mentioned that the Government had invited the Chamber of Commerce to submit its views regarding the automatic piracy alarm, a "China Mail" reporter called on Mr. M. F. Key, the Acting Secretary, to learn what action the Chamber was taking.

Mr. Key said that last January, in the course of a letter to the Colonial Secretary regarding the Colony's wireless progress generally, it was suggested that "possibly a discussion between a representative of the Colonial Secretary's Office, the wireless expert, and a small Sub-committee of the Chamber would be useful and, if the Government was of that opinion, the Chamber will be glad to co-operate."

Since this letter was published in the annual report, said Mr. Key, the Chamber had received a reply

from the Government stating that its wireless expert, Mr. L. H. King would be glad to meet "a small sub-committee of the Chamber and discuss the subject."

"That is how the matter now stands," said Mr. Key, and doubtless the proposed piracy alarm will receive careful attention.

GUILDS PLEASED.

Wireless An Essential.

When the substance of the "Reuter" message was communicated to Mr. T. T. Laurensen, assistant secretary of the China Coast Officers' Guild, he said it was highly gratifying to know that the opinions held by China Coast Officers on the subject of the piracy regulations were attracting attention at Home. The provision of wireless had all along, he pointed out, been one of the main planks in the China Coast Officers' "piracy platform." As evidence of this he quoted the speech made by Mr. W. E. Kirby, secretary of the China Coast Officers' Guild, when he was invited to address the Chambers on Commerce in Shanghai. Referring to the Chamber's resolution advocating the equipment of gunboats with wireless, Mr. Kirby then pointed out that the fullest advantage from this could only be obtained if coastal merchant vessels, particularly those engaged in the piracy zone of the Canton delta, were also equipped with wireless and were thus provided with a means of summoning outside aid in the case of a piratical attack or other mishap.

WIRELESS ON GUNBOATS.

Chamber's Attitude.

The question of wireless on gunboats has been considered by the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce in connection with representations as to the necessity for increased Naval Patrols, and the motion of Hongkong at the Conference epitomises the Committee's views:—

"That the recrudescence of piracy in Far Eastern waters again emphasizes the urgent necessity for continuous means of wireless communication with H.M. smaller vessels. The Conference views with satisfaction the improvements being made to increase the efficiency of the wireless on river gunboats, and asks H.M. Government to instal wireless on every such ship, also to provide the necessary increased staff of wireless operators, so that communication can be effected at all times and where expedient for general purposes, when the ordinary commercial means of telegraphic communication are not available, as is frequently the case in South China."

The warships of other countries help their nations in every way possible, in the transmission of commercial messages when ordinary means of communication are suspended, states the Chamber's annual report, and the Committee consider that British vessels should also be prepared to give general assistance in this way in similar circumstances, not necessarily limiting the help to British nationals.

LOCAL COLOUR.

CHINESE STAGE FRENCH STORY.

"ORPHANS OF THE STORM."

MING DYNASTY COSTUMES IN PARIS.

Cinema-goers who have pleasant memories of "Orphans of the Storm," which was exhibited at the Coronet Theatre last November, will learn with interest that the picture has been adapted into a Cantonese play which was given at the Ko Shing theatre this week.

A Cantonese play lasts from four and a half to five hours. What is omitted in action is compensated for by songs—mostly extemporaneous—and protracted monologues.

Without attempting to delve too far into the intricacies of Chinese drama it may be possible to satisfy the curious as to how the "transfer" was made. Instead of the dashing Chevalier de Vaudrey or even the fiery Danton being made the "hero," the leading man of the troupe takes the part of Pierre Frochard, the lame knife-grinder who discovers the blind Louise in the screen version. Here a variation—one of the few—is made in that the crafty Robespierre seeks out Pierre, praises him for his industry and filial piety, presents him with money and with which to cure his deformity and ultimately makes him the Commander of the La-bouere.

Nothing is attempted in the way of depicting the imposing screen spectacles of the Marquis de Presle's notorious garden party, the storming of the Bastille, or Danton's famous ride. As conveyed by the Chinese title, "Two to be pitied girls," the story is almost entirely to their experiences with the Revolution as a minor background. One feature common to the Chinese stage, is that the characters all speak of Paris although the official costumes are those of the Ming dynasty and the women wear the present-day dresses. For the benefit of those unacquainted with the practice in Hongkong, it should be stated that there are no "mixed companies," all the female parts are undertaken by men.

On the whole, the story of the film is followed closely and in sequence. Danton, instead of being the huge man depicted by Monte Blue and the "fiery real from the great fire bosom of Nature" as drawn in Carlyle's pen-picture, is shown as a loud-voiced man with a large black beard reaching to his waist. He goes by the name of Darn Tun and on the fall of the monarchy vacates, in the words of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, the position of revolutionary leader in favour of Robespierre. The latter is by no means "the sea-green formula" seeking victims for the guillotine and incidentally Henriette's blood, in return for a petty snub. As "Mr. Loh, the lawyer," he is a very harmless and indecisive individual who advises against the sentence on Henriette and her lover.

On the screen gallant and dashing Chevalier de Vaudrey is depicted by Joseph Schildkraut, claimed to be the world's handsomest man. In the Chinese play this part is undertaken by a wizened man of over forty who with the crudest of make-up endeavours to be "the Apollo-like lover." Instead of distributing bread to the poor, he responds to alms and lends Danton \$50,000 for revolutionary funds.

Credible acting was shown by the actor taking the part of Henriette Girard (Lillian Gish). Though not nearly as lovable nor at all coy in the presence of Danton or Vaudrey, real dramatic ability was shown. The man who called himself Lau Yin (Louise) was inclined to mix with the portrayal of the blind orphan, a stretch of light comedy. Madame Frochard—dressed like an old amah—was kind in contrast to Lucille la Vernes' portrayal. Her profligate son Jacques, instead of the ferocious character as shown by Sheldon Lewis, was depicted as an inveterate opium-smoker in a long-cont which reeked with grime. He was the clown of the piece. Another man who boasted more avoidments than good looks exhibited the best dramatic ability as the elderly Countess de Linieres. King Louis XVI was a fat man with less dignity than any monarch in history.

An error of translation appears in that the Bastille is called "the west fortress" to which Vaudrey was also banished by his fate uncle.

Instead of Henriette incurring Robespierre's wrath and thus being sent to the guillotine, her hand is forcibly sought by an unknown red-faced revolutionary who conceives the revenge for her refusal.

Without taking into consideration any dramatic value or other aspect, the picture—as a plot suitable for Chinese drama—was cleverly adapted.

\$25,000,000 OUTLAY.

DIESEL ENGINES FOR U.S. LINERS.

(Reuter's American Service.)

WASHINGTON, April 3. The House of Representatives has passed a bill authorizing the expenditure of \$25,000,000 on the installation of the Diesel type of engine in United States Shipping Board vessels.

FLYING TO MACAO.

PORTUGUESE AIRSHIP STARTING.

(Reuter's General Service.)

LISBON, April 2. The Portuguese airship will depart at dawn for the projected flight to Macao.

RUSSIA AND CHINA.

POINTS STILL TO BE SETTLED.

PEKING, April 3. The Waichingpo, replying to Mr. Karakhan's memorandum of March 24, states that as regards the proposed agreements the Chinese Government is ready to approve and sign them provided modifications are effected in the preliminary text, firstly regarding treaties, the note contending that the agreement should provide for reciprocal renunciation of treaties and agreements made with a third party affecting the interests of the other; secondly regarding the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Mongolia which should be made a more definite undertaking on the part of Russia; and thirdly concerning Russian church property. —Reuter.

MORE CIVIL WAR.

SHANGHAI, April 3. The Peking correspondent of the North China Daily News states that it is reliably reported Wu Pei-fu is concentrating troops on the Honan-Shensi border at Tungkuang with the object of invading Shensi and ejecting the tuchun Lin Chen-hui who is alleged to be secretly negotiating with Wu Pei-fu's enemies. Peking has prepared a mandate removing Lin Chen-hui, while Wu Pei-fu, anticipating resistance, prepares for invasion. —Reuter.

PIRATE ARRESTS.

LATEST FROM EAST RIVER.

BANDIT STRONGHOLDS RAIDED.

Further rumours are current regarding the pirate captures by Chinese soldiers in the East River region.

It is now stated that two notorious bandits were routed from their stronghold but not before considerable damage had been wrought and a number wounded and killed on the attacking side. Of the thirty suspects captured, seven were stated to have been shot by order of General Hung Shiu-tun while the others are detained in Walchow city pending identification by the complements of the "Sun Ning," "Hydrangea," "Sui An," and etc.

A liaison officer is reported to have arrived in Hongkong from Walchow city. To him the Hongkong police are quoted as having said that it would be more expedient if the prisoners were dealt with by the Chinese officials on the spot, and to have expressed a view that this would be preferred to extradition proceedings.

PIRATE CHIEF HERE?

There is in the precincts of the Central Police Station, a man suspected of being a notorious pirate chief by name of Ng Sam-keng, alleged to have been connected with the "Tai Lee" affair. He was arrested at Kau Kong but gave another name. Accordingly, the Canton detective bureau has sent an official down to assist in identification, if possible.

However, it is stated that this official could not definitely establish that the captive was Ng Sam-keng and other officers will be sent down.

TOOK THE FINES.

In Wing-kay, the schoolboy Police Court habitue, came up before Mr. E. W. Hamilton this morning on two charges of larceny by bailee of sums of \$5 and \$4 respectively, from persons who brought the amounts to the Magistracy to pay fines, and had entrusted the monies to him.

Defendant pleaded guilty. Detective Sub-Inspector Reynolds stated that defendant's parents wished to refund the amounts. His Worship accordingly remanded the case for twenty-four hours so that he could be satisfied that the money had been repaid, when he would take a lenient view but defendant had to be punished.

POULTRY FAMINE.

GETTING SUPPLIES FROM HONGKONG.

WHY PRICES ARE HIGH.

Instead of poultry supplies being sent to the Colony from Canton, birds are actually being re-exported from Hongkong to that port at present. Hence the present high prices which, on inquiry from the wholesale depots, we learn to be about 90 cents per catty (67½ cents per lb.) for chickens and capons and 70 cents per catty (52½ cents per lb.) for ducks.

From investigations made it appears that supplies from Wuchow, on which Hongkong is dependant, are not too plentiful. Canton looks to the surrounding districts of the river delta. It is stated that junk transport is greatly restricted for fear of bandits and military requisition. Canton is not getting enough from ordinary sources and is therefore drawing on Hongkong. At one time ducks used to be brought here in fairly large quantities from adjacent southern ports but imports recently have shown a falling-off.

LANTAO POISON TRIAL.

FOURTH DAY'S HEARING.

The murder trial in which a Lantao woman is charged with having poisoned her husband reached the fourth day of its hearing before Mr. Justice Gompertz today.

When the Court assembled Mr. Campbell Prosser, for the defence, asked whether, in view of Mr. Dovey's departure from the Colony yesterday and the impossibility of foreseeing all the questions to be asked on a complicated subject like chemical analysis, the assistant who probably helped Mr. Dovey to make his investigations could be called to give evidence. The acting Attorney General (the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock K. C.) undertook to arrange for the attendance of Dr. Lebart, the Government Analyst's first assistant. Inspector Earner, in charge of the Criminal Investigation Department, then gave evidence. He described how he went to the prisoner's village with a Sergeant-Interpreter and made experiments which proved that a conversation in the prisoner's house could be overheard in the house occupied by the dead man's parents.

Kong-kui, a Chinese woman who said she lived with the deceased's parents, was the next witness. She said that since her husband's death she had been living with a man named Wong-ki who was invited to go there by the deceased.

Mr. Prosser: Were you consulted or asked if you liked him?

Witness: No. I said "you have had all the trouble of bringing him—I don't mind."

Mr. Prosser: Are you married to him?

Witness: I cannot say. I am not his *Kit Fat* wife and I don't know whether he wants me or not. (Proceeding.)

FOR HEALTH'S SAKE.

ONE-LEGGED MAN WHO TOOK OPIUM.

A garrulous old man with only one leg was one of the prisoners who appeared at the Police Court this morning for smoking in an opium den.

He told the Court that when he had his leg amputated in hospital, the doctor advised him to smoke less opium but warned him against entirely discarding the habit. That was why he went to the den to indulge in five cents' worth of the drug.

Senior Revenue Officer Watt said that he had seen the old man several times but had not arrested him.

Defendant protested that the officer must have mistaken him for his "double" whom he described as "a handsome boy and of the Mahomedan faith." For purposes of proving mistaken identity he produced his crutches and asked the Court to compare them with the elegant pair "made for his double by the Military Hospital."

His Worship (Mr. E. W. Hamilton) let the man go with a caution, warning him that he would be fined if he appeared again.

FOOTBALL.

SATURDAY'S SHIELD FINAL.

The following have been selected to play for the Kowloon F.C. in their match against the East Surrey's in the Final of the Shield, to be played on Saturday on the Hongkong Club ground, kick-off 4.30 p.m.:—A. Duncan, P. Wheeler, T. L. Knight, A. Turner, J. McKelvie, H. G. K. Wheeler, A. Latham, H. Roberts, R. C. Hayes, R. Nash and K. Muen. Reserves: M. Howarth, J. Morton and W. Wall.

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HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.
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Hongkong Stock Exchange:
Ropes ex right ex bonus \$24½ nominal, right \$3 prem. buy
Bonus shares \$2½ nominal.
Hongkong Developments \$1.20 buyers \$1¼ sales.
China Buses \$10¼ buyers.

NAM PAK HONG MARKET.

This morning's Nam Pak Hong quotations for "spot" goods, based on usual liquid terms, were as follows:

Java sugar, average quality, per picul net: No. 24 rough white \$14.10, No. 21 fine white \$15.25, No. 18 rough brown \$13.10, Java brown \$13.50.
Rice, average quality, per picul gross for net: No. 1 Shun long white \$8.00, No. 1 Saigon long white \$7.60.
Flour, per sack of 50 lbs.: White Greens \$2.60, Nutmeg Orange \$2.65, Sperry's XXX \$3.48, Kingfisher \$2.82, White \$2.52, Big Gun \$2.75, Globe \$2.50, Old Mill \$2.50, Reindeer \$2.55, Melon \$2.55, White Rose \$2.50, C. & C. \$2.65, Dayton \$2.57, Barina \$2.50, Mollus Fairy \$2.50, Kwan-Tao \$2.48.

INTERNATIONAL RUBBER EXHIBITION.

BRUSSELS, April 2.
The sixth International Rubber Exhibition has opened here. The countries represented include the Straits, Malay States, Ceylon, and Dutch East Indies.
A series of International Conferences are being held in connection with the Exhibition.—*Reuter.*

SIAMSE LOAN.

LONDON, April 2.
Large applications for Siamese Loan will be asked 10%: the small ones nil. Dealings commenced at two points premium.—*Reuter.*

HOCKEY.

CLUB V. UNITED SERVICES.

The Club won a decided victory over the United Services, at U. S. C., yesterday afternoon, playing the whole time with perfect harmony. There was no doubt about the final result from the beginning.

Evans was in fine form and form a good break away, he passed to Woodward who scored, opening the proceedings. Half time saw the Club leading with one up.
In the second half the Club showed their merit. McMaster scoring right after the interval. This was followed shortly after by one from Evans, which was the result of a scrimmage in front of the goal.

The Services seemed to get going now and from a combined effort scored, six minutes before the end. The last five minutes were perhaps the best part of the game, and Powell, who had been playing well the whole game, added another to the Club's score, making the final 4-1.

CLUB II V. NAVY A.
At the New Hockey Ground, Kowloon, the Navy defeated the Club by the same margin as the first victory. The Club started off well, but the Navy soon asserted their superiority by taking the first goal. The second came just a minute before half time. Then with but a minute to the interval the Club got going and from a centre rush Garrod scored. This made the scores at half time 2-1 Navy leading.

The second half was very much like the first, most of the play being in the centre. The Navy broke away twice and scored two more, the second being a high shot just getting inside the net.

SEASON NEARLY OVER.
This closes the second eleven fixtures for the season, the first still have one or two more fixtures to fulfil and will be stopping near the end of the month.

STICKS.
Mr. Geo. H. Potts left for Shanghai this morning by the "Empress of Russia," and from there he will leave for England next month.

SIGNIFICANT?

CANTON LEADERS VISIT HONGKONG.

Political importance is attached to the visit here of Ngai Bong-ping, General Li Fook-lum and Leung Hung-kai and several other leading Cantonese politicians who have come down from Canton.
Ngai has been best known as Canton Police Commissioner but he has not been in the political limelight since his captivity by a Kwangsi general. Li Fook-lum is the commander of Honam Island and about the most powerful Cantonese militarist at present. Leung Hung-kai is the general at the southern front.

There are some, well-versed in Canton politics, who construe this as an effort to unite the scattered Cantonese forces which have been relegated to positions of inferiority in their native province which is at present over-run by non-Cantonese mercenaries.

It is thought that the present state of things cannot continue. Under no circumstances can the province provide funds to support all the rabble hordes of the multifarious denominations, the most powerful of which are the Yunnanese and the Hunanese. While not poring over an actual outbreak, it is surmised that the remnants of the once-powerful Cantonese army, must unite with either the Yunnanese against the Hunanese or vice versa. It will ultimately be a case of the survival of the fittest and in the struggle for power—the means of sustenance—warmer factions are siding with the strong.

PLUCKY RESCUES.

JUNK CAPSIZES IN THE HARBOUR.

Caught in a squall off the Kowloon Naval Camber about one o'clock yesterday, a large fishing junk capsized with thirteen souls on board. Craft in the vicinity pluckily rescued twelve but a two-year-old child was drowned.

No. 6 police launch with Serpts. Sabey and Stewart on board cut a hole in the junk's side while it was rapidly sinking on the starboard side. Four persons were saved here. A public motor-boat picked up three in the water and a similar number was saved by the crew of a Naval mooring lighter. Two men who were clinging to the junk's dinghy were taken on board the police launch. Beyond injuries to the head none of the twelve was much worse for their immersion.

With the assistance of the Naval authorities, the junk's keel was righted and the child's body found. Ultimately the water-logged craft was towed to Cheung-shawan.
Yesterday evening a junk carrying bricks also capsized. She was reported in a position about 100 yards west of Stonecutter's Island.

Cabling from Peking to-day, *Reuter* states that the amount being raised for the Missions to Seamen's Institute is £15,250,000, not £15,220,000 as reported yesterday.

Her many personal friends and the community generally will be glad to know that Lady Stubbs, who is suffering from an attack of influenza in Shanghai, is making satisfactory progress. News to that effect reached His Excellency the Governor last night. The telegram also mentioning that a decision would be taken to-day as to the date it will be advisable for her ladyship to return to Hongkong.

HOME FOOTBALL.

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

London, April 2.
Following are results of matches played to-day:
Burnley 1 Bolton 0
Aston V. 1 Blackburn 0
Liverpool 0 Arsenal 0
Middlesbro' 1 Manchester C. 1
Newcastle 3 Everton 1
SCOTTISH LEAGUE.
Hibernian 1 St. Mirren 1
Ayr 2 Falkirk 0
Kilmarnock 1 Airdrie 2
Motherwell 1 Aberdeen 1
—*Reuter.*

Music lovers both sides of the harbour are reminded that the Hongkong Philharmonic Society's chorus and orchestra are giving their grand concert in the Star Theatre this evening. Judging from the splendid reception the concert received when given in the Theatre Royal recently full success is assured this evening.

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VARSITY SPORTS.

FOUR RECORDS BROKEN YESTERDAY.

That our Varsity men are gradually asserting themselves in the local sport and athletic spheres is evident from the annual sports held at Pokfulam yesterday. Despite adverse weather four records were broken.

H. E. the Governor and Sir Claud Severn were both present. At the conclusion of the sports the prizes were graciously given away by Lady Rees Davies.

RESULTS.

Kicking the Football.—1. S. O. Shuhabudin; 2. D. Laing.

Throwing the Cricket Ball.—1. A. Hoim; 2. Leong Hoo-yong.

100 Yards.—1. S. O. Shuhabudin; 2. J. S. Ouzdar.

Pole Jump.—1. A. Hoim; 2. Ohong Tuck-wing.

220 Yards.—1. S. O. Shuhabudin; 2. C. A. Peterson.

Half-Mile.—1. I. Tugina; 2. A. Hoim.

Three Miles (120 Yards).—1. S. O. Shuhabudin; 2. Ohong Tuck-wing.

Old Students' Race.—1. W. M. Gittins; 2. Dr. Y. M. Kwong.

Putting the Weight.—1. S. C. Kwong; 2. Leong Hoo-yong.

440 Yards.—1. H. Briga; 2. C. A. Peterson.

Long Jump.—1. S. O. Shuhabudin; 2. Ohong Tuck-wing.

Half Mile (Open).—1. V. C. Bell; 2. I. A. Carvalho.

High Jump.—1. S. O. Shuhabudin; 2. Ohong Tuck-wing.

Judy Undergraduate Race.—1. Miss C. Grosse; 2. Miss E. Ho Tung.

One Mile.—1. J. Smith; 2. I. Tugina.

Two of War.—1. Morrison Hall.

Relay Race.—1. Luggard Hall; 2. May Hall.

Hotel Championship.—1. Luggard Hall.

Individual Championship.—1. S. O. Shuhabudin; 2. Ohong Tuck-wing.

BACK TO THE STRAITS.

COLONEL CHARGED WITH CHEATING.

Amongst the passengers who arrived in Singapore, by the Italian steamer "Fiume L." on 25th ult. from Colombo, was Col. James Christie, O.B.E., a well-known Malayan resident.

Proceeding to the Oriental Hotel where he had booked rooms, Col. Christie was confronted by Detective Inspectors Hingding and Porter, who presented him with a warrant for arrest on charges of cheating.

Col. Christie was accordingly present before the Third Police Court, when Detective Inspector Porter asked for a postponement for a few days. Mr. Shelley Thompson represented the accused.

It appears that the charge is in respect of about \$1,000, and that the alleged offence was committed in Gopeng. Mr. Shelley Thompson stated that he had been informed by the accused that the warrant was probably in connection with two cheques which accused paid to two friends of his about a year ago. He told the two people not to pay in the cheques at once. Counsel further stated that since the Police wished that bail should be fixed in a nominal sum in view of the accused's position and he further stated that the case appeared to be a very flimsy one.

The matter was fixed for the 25th ult., and bail of \$1,000 allowed, the bond being signed by Mr. Julian Frankel.

EDUCATION BOARD.

THE TEACHING OF STENOGRAPHY.

At a meeting of the Board of Education held yesterday afternoon, the Director of Education (Mr. G. N. Orme) announced that a site for the new school at Quarry Bay had been definitely chosen. It was considered to be the best site in the locality, and he wished to assure the Board that he would push on with the new school as energetically as he could.

Those present included the Inspector of English Schools (Mr. E. Ralph), the Inspector of Vernacular Schools (Mr. A. R. Cavalier), Rev. T. W. Pearce, Mr. A. E. B. Silva Netto, Dr. A. D. Hickling, Mr. N. T. Mackintosh, Mr. U. Rungshin, Dr. W. K. Kai, Mr. E. W. Wylie, Mr. M. E. F. Airey, Rev. F. H. Valtorta, Capt. A. E. Watts, and Mr. G. P. de Martin (hon. secretary).

Two questions asked by Mr. N. T. Mackintosh were: (1) In what Government Schools is stenography included in the curriculum? and (2) In what Grant-in-Aid Schools is stenography included in the curriculum?

The Director of Education replied: (1) Stenography is not taught in any Government Schools; and (2) Stenography is taught at St. Joseph's College as part of the curriculum. At other Grant-in-Aid Schools the subject is taught out of school hours and is not considered as included in the curriculum of these schools.

ST. ANDREW'S FETE.

A SUCCESS, DESPITE THE WEATHER.

Wretched weather did not deter the organisers of St. Andrew's Fete yesterday. The wind and rain during the afternoon spoiled the effectiveness of the outside stalls, but it did not damp the spirits of the ladies in charge who transferred to the Church Hall. Last night there was no doubt as to the success of the fete, it was evident. Brilliantly illuminated with gay coloured lanterns from the entrances in Nathan Road throughout the church grounds, the fete attracted a big crowd of patrons and the support that the concluding variety entertainment received and the applause the artists earned was well deserved.

The fete was opened by Commodore H. E. Grace, R.N., who was introduced by the Vicar (the Rev. G. R. Lindsay). After referring to the weather conditions the Commodore said that it had been the intention of Lady Stubbs to be present at the event, but her engagement in the North had prevented her Ladyship from doing so. They had all learned with regret that Lady Stubbs was laid up in Shanghai and he expressed the hope that she would soon be well enough to proceed to Hongkong. The Commodore hoped the fete and sale of work would be a great success.

One of the most attractive stalls in the hall was that containing a wide selection of second-hand books and periodicals. The fruit and flower stall in the centre of the hall had a delightful display; the plain and fancy stall did fine business and other stalls equally well favoured were the Pound Stall, and Sweets and Confectionery.

The side shows, such as the Hippopotamus cinema, hoopla, the children's fishpond, the chutes, coconut shies, etc., proved extremely popular, despite the drizzle in the afternoon. As an appropriate evening entertainment, a concert was given, well appreciated numbers being contributed by Mrs. Matheson, Mrs. Clements, Mr. and Mrs. Collett, Mr. C. W. E. Bishop, Mr. West, Prof. Gonzales and the Rev. G. W. Arrowsmith. The accompanist was Mr. T. A. Martia.

The stall holders were as follows:—Plain and fancy work (Mrs. Woolley, Mrs. White, Mrs. Andrews and Mrs. Roy); books and periodicals (Mrs. Hyne, Mrs. Elliott and Mrs. Vickers); fruit, flowers and produce (Mesdames Arrowsmith, Arnott, Lammert, Mellon and Herridge); pound stall—"a pound of anything at the cheapest price" (Mesdames Purves, Owen, Bailey and Edwards); sweets and confectionery (Mesdames A. W. Smith, Raitton, Nash and Wallace). The proceeds are in aid of the church funds.

"RAGGED TALES."

This is the singularly truthful title given to a series of sketches written by the youthful Nigel Van Biene and published by Lettercraft of Shanghai, with a preface by the Editor of the North China Daily News. We reviewed Mr. Van Biene's earlier book of stories or sketches, and note that his publisher's quote us as describing them as "Craftsmanship out of the ordinary." We can confirm that statement with regard to "Ragged Tales," but must add that they leave us with a sense of incompleteness which is well covered by the word ragged. There is here the "light touch and delicate fancy" to which Mr. O. M. Green testifies—a touch and fancy which we may well envy; but there is a suspicion that Mr. Van Biene is riding his talent too strongly and too hastily; that in writing a story even a ragged one, he fails to realise that something more than a fanciful delicate turn of phrase is wanted. One or two of these sketches—we cannot really call them stories—could easily be expanded and made into presentable shockers. Mr. Van Biene will come again; of that there seems no doubt. The little book is handy to carry and we trust will have a large circulation. The publishers do not state the price.

E.C.

New York, April 2.—The Woolworth Building, fifty stories high, and the tallest office structure in the world, has been sold for \$1,000,000.—*Reuter's American Service.*

New York, April 2.—The heaviest snowstorm of the season struck the entire Eastern section of the country to-day. There are six to eight inches of snow in New York and elsewhere, which is hampering traffic and crippling the telegraphs and telephones. Many accidents are reported in New York. One person was killed and 25 injured in a collision of elevated trains at Long Island.—*Reuter's American Service.*

DISARMAMENT.

AUSTRALIAN PREMIER'S STATEMENT.

MELBOURNE, April 2. When asked in the House of Representatives, in accordance with the Defence resolutions of the Imperial Conference, he would summon a Pacific Conference on further



disarmament to be held in Australia. Mr. Bruce said that while he did not think that the Conference would have the best prospect of success if summoned in Australia, he would certainly welcome the suggestion, if one of the Great Powers issued the summons, and Australia would be represented.—*Reuter.*

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

NO GAMES YESTERDAY.

Shortly after going to press yesterday afternoon, an inquiry from the Cricket Club Pavilion, we were courteously informed by Colonel Robertson that it has just been decided to have no tennis on account of the rain.

Nevertheless, a large crowd made its way to the ground where Ng Szek-wong and T. Hendon, the principals in the stand court match, had already arrived.

In the interests of everybody could it not be arranged that the decision could be taken in time for the news to be published in the evening papers?

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

The following matches are down for decision to-day:—Open Singles: Ng Szek-wong v. T. Hendon (stand court); H. D. Ruhlman v. Yew Man-tsun. Club Championships: R. E. Worthington v. G. W. Sewell. Handicap Singles: "B", T. B. Powell (+1/6) v. G. R. More (-3/8).

Handicap Doubles: C. D. Armstrong and D. J. Allfree (+4/6) v. E. J. R. Mitchell and W. L. Thomas (+15); L. Foster and G. E. Aubrey (-2/6) v. M. M. Mann and A. B. Raworth (-3/8).

MATCH POSTPONED.

The Open Doubles match between S. E. Green and T. Lay and S. H. and S. D. Ismail has been postponed until Thursday next, owing to Lay's indisposition.

CRICKET.

EWO v. WAYFOONG.

Another inter-hong cricket match has been fixed for this week, when Ewo (Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.) are down to meet Wayfoong (The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank).

The following team has been chosen to represent "Ewo" on Saturday next, on the C.R.C. ground, Causeway Bay, at 2.15 p.m.:—G. H. Piercy (Captain), D. G. M. Bernard, W. Brackenridge, W. B. Connelly, W. Galloway, G. H. Gompertz, H. E. Hollands, W. D. Jamies, R. E. Macdonnell, W. W. Mackenzie and N. L. H. Raitton.

H.K.C.C. TEAMS.

The following teams will represent the H.K.C.C. on Saturday, April 5 on grounds as below, both matches commencing at 2.15 p.m.:—1st XI v. K.C.C. at Kowloon. T. E. Pearce (Capt.), Major W. Hattersley Smith, Rev. Fr. Purcell, E. J. R. Mitchell, Rev. T. B. Powell, H. Owen Hughes, A. C. I. Bowker, E. G. Lammert, G. R. More A. V. T. Dean, D. R. Wahl. 2nd XI v. R.A.M.C. (League) at home.—L. D. McNicol (Capt.), E. C. Hagen, F. N. Young, H. Griffin, A. Vallack, A. K. Macdonnell, O. V. Mark, J. N. Owen, J. A. H. Plummer, D. H. F. McMaster and J. C. Hancock.

KOWLOON C.C. v. H.K.C.C.

The following have been chosen to play for the Kowloon C.C. in a home friendly match with the H.K.C.C. on Saturday next at 2.15 p.m. sharp:—R. E. Lindell (Capt.), A. W. Ramsey, R. Pearson, S. Jax, H. G. Wallington, J. C. Pickover, E. W. Howell, L. A. R. Duncan, C. Barnshaw, B. Barnshaw and A. B. F. Raven.

GET TOGETHER!

HOW TO TACKLE THE PIRACY EVIL.

The question of piracy prevention on the China Coast, in its general application and its specific points, has now reached a stage where little if any good, and possibly a great deal of harm, can result from any protraction of the already voluminous correspondence, and the further indulgence in recriminations, charges and counter-charges, observes "Shipping and Engineering" (Shanghai). Guilds have (presumably) placed all of their cards on the table and the Hongkong Government has, we understand, of late displayed a somewhat unwonted activity in acknowledging and replying to the Guilds' requests and in considering their suggestions and their demands. But apparently everything is being done through the tedious medium of correspondence, and while letters are being written by the people concerned, and statements made to the press by Government and Guild representatives, the problem as a whole remains unsolved and the major points of difference between the Government and the Guilds remain unsettled, with both sides holding what appear to be views diametrically opposed—as witness the question of guards.

The Captain Superintendent of Police at Hongkong says that the guards are useful and necessary; the Guilds say that they are neither and that in addition they constitute a real and definite danger. The result is that the general public is left, as one Hongkong writer pertinently puts it, "between the devil and the deep sea." Obviously the present state of affairs, with neither side apparently disposed to give way on vital issues (to those who travel on ships—passengers and officers and crews) cannot go on indefinitely—it is one of those matters in which discussion by correspondence is likely to give way to argument, argument to be replaced by recrimination, recrimination to turn into unappeasable acrimony, and acrimony to give rise to an open rupture, with extremely unpleasant consequences to all concerned (except the pirates)—the Hongkong Government, the Shipowners, the Guilds, and the general public, but especially the public.

So far as can be seen at present, the obvious, the logical, the reasonable, the essential means to a solution is a piracy conference, or commission, or inquiry—the name is immaterial—to be held at an early date and to have represented in its membership everyone concerned:—the Hongkong Government, the Shipowners, the Guilds, and the general public, but especially the public.

The present mess never can be cleared up satisfactorily to all concerned by correspondence or hastily promulgated if slowly conceived laws. The Hongkong Government, His Majesty's Navy, the Merchant Service officers, the shipowners and the general public all are affected to an important degree. A conference which all members would attend, each with a determination to tackle the problem from all of its aspects, broad and narrow, with an inclination to give and take for the general good, and with only one antagonist mind—the pirate—would be productive of more lasting good than a hundred years of correspondence, recrimination, bickering and pin-pricking. Let the case of all concerned be stated under circumstances and conditions where none is supreme, and we shall see that the only person really harmed by the outcome will be the fellow regarding whom all the trouble has arisen—the Chinese pirate.

V.R.C. BOXING.

TOURNAMENT POSTPONED.

Mr. R. C. Mitchell, hon. secretary of the V.R.C. writes that the boxing tournament fixed for this Saturday (April 5) is to take place next Saturday (April 12). Entrants are in good condition, says Mr. Mitchell, but require more training.

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WEMBLEY STRIKE.

LONDON, April 2. A strong force of mounted and unmounted police have matters well in hand at the Empire Exhibition. They forcibly ejected the chairman of a meeting, which the strikers attempted to hold inside the grounds. Artists and others, who yesterday were intimidated, entered unmolested this morning, but activities generally are still paralysed. The strike is entirely unofficial and the Trades Unions are not participating. It is estimated that 50 per cent. of the men are now working at Wembley.—*Reuter.*

MEXICAN FIRE PANIC.

MEXICO CITY, April 2. Twenty-six people were killed, and 56 injured, in a fire at a cinema theatre in a suburb of Tacubaya City. A panic followed the outbreak, and the majority of the victims were electrocuted by wires hanging neck-high across the main aisle. They were also trampled upon in the wild rush for the exits. It is believed that a short-circuit was the cause of the disaster.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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THE SOCIAL SWIRL.

R.G.A. WHIST DRIVE AND DANCE.

The 88th Company R.G.A.'s Social Club held a very successful whist drive and dance at Lyemun last Tuesday. The attendance totalled 100 (25 tables), and included all the married families at Lyemun, visitors from Hongkong and Stonecutters, and representatives of the Royal Navy. The hall was nicely decorated by Gunner Trendwell.

The Whist Drive resulted as follows:—1st Prize, Won by Mrs. Tye with a total score of 182.

2nd Prize, Won by Mrs. Ridley with a total score of 159.

Hidden number, Ladies.—Won by Mrs. Rough, score, 142. 1st

Gentlemen's, won by Leading Seaman Walters with a score of 151. 2nd Prize, Won by Serjt. Ball Coy. R.G.A., with a score of 176. Hidden number, Gentlemen's, won by Gunner Rowe, score, 127.

Prizes were distributed by Mrs. A. W. Allcock and L/Bdr. Hooking very ably carried out the duties of M.O. Music for the dance was supplied by Able Seaman Barnett at the piano, assisted by S/Serjt. Waller R.E. on the Jazz Drums. The result of their efforts left nothing to be desired. The dancing, which was excellent, was varied by songs by Naval friends which gave the couples time to recover from their exertions. It is only left to say that, judging by appearances, every one present enjoyed to the full the evening's entertainment provided.

The 88th Company's Social Club are holding a Dance on Tuesday next, from 7.30 p.m. to midnight.



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